CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for gripping a cable, said apparatus comprising:

an elongated housing for slidably receiving a cable axially thereof, said housing being configured to permit an end of said cable to leave said housing and be received back by said housing to form a cable loop; and

means for securing a part of said cable received back by said housing.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said housing is tubular having a central bore for allowing said cable to pass through.

3. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said housing has an aperture that opens on one side of said housing to allow said cable to leave said housing through said aperture.

4. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said housing has a recess on said at least one side of said housing opposite said aperture opening for receiving said end of said cable.

5. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said aperture extends fully across a width of said housing to open in opposite sides of said housing such that said cable can leave said housing through one end of said aperture and being received back by said housing through another end of said aperture.

6. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein a ceiling of said aperture is slanted to guide said cable out through said aperture.

7. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said means for securing said cable loop further includes a first lock piece for temporarily holding said cable loop against a head, and a second lock piece for securing said first lock piece against said cable loop.

8. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said means for securing further includes biasing means for biasing said first lock piece towards said head.

9. An apparatus for pulling a plurality of cables, said apparatus comprising:

a base;

means for attaching each of said plurality of cables to said base, wherein said means for attaching includes a first central attachment apparatus and an even number of further attachment apparatuses symmetrically surrounding said central apparatus.

10. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein each attachment apparatus is freely rotatable about an axis normal to said base.

11. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein each attachment apparatus includes a quick-release loop.